
PRIESTS' DEATH-BEDS.—The Parisian courts give us another illustration of the pernicious effects which result from Roman Catholic priests excluding friends and relations from the death-beds of those dear to them. An old maiden lady named Pige Vert, near Nantes, who died in 1855, left by her will which was dated only four days before her death, the bulk of her property to the Abbé Maître cure of Vert. Some months ago her brother applied to the Civil Tribunal of Nantes for authorisation

to induce the old lady to make a will in his favor. In support of his application, he said that his sister had always destined him for her heir, and had actually made no wills in his favor, all of which were superseded by the one of the priest: that when she was attacked with her fatal illness, the Abbe Maitre had removed from her all his family and friends, and even her Medical attendant; and he had the will drawn up by a notary who was a stranger to her.

REMARKABLE MARRIAGE.—Last week Preston, near Brighton, one of the most extraordinary marriages which have taken place was celebrated in the parish church, it being no less than that of the Dowager Countess of Effingham to Mr. Holmes who has filled the humble position of a Scripture Reader at Brighton, in connection with one of the churches at

eighty years old and the bridegroom about thirty, so that their is only a disparity of their ages of half a century! It is said that for a long time past, the Countess has manifested great interest in the labor of Scripture Reader, and made him a valuable presents. The Countess is understood to have a princely income, worth her position as the daughter and the mother of a peer of the realm. The aristocratic relatives and connections of the lady are said to be most terribly excited by

THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY OF U CANADA.—The report of this Company, ed preparatory to their meeting on the 1st of March, at 20871. A dividend the rate of 7 per cent, per annum free come-tax. Half of the surplus after 6 cent. are to be appropriated, as usual, to reserve fund, which will then stand at 538 : 2500 is to be applied to preli-

THE CROPS.—A correspondent of the press who has resided in Lower Canada many years, states that the prospects for crops are good. He states that a wet season is generally followed by a fine fall. A bee paper states that the May crop will be very large one; Oats are also promised. The *Galt Reflector* states that the weather has caused the crops in the West to grow with extraordinary rapidity. He has commenced. The crop will be heavy.

en—the Court of Queen's Bench yesterday, John C. Rudolf, formerly master of the steamer Montreal, was again put on trial for manslaughter, in connection with the burning of that ill-fated vessel, on the 25th Jan., 1857. It will be remembered, that at the trial which took place in January last, when the jury could not agree upon a verdict, the fact which principally weighed against the accused was non-compliance with the Act of Parliament relating to steamers like the Montreal to be

did not have a metallic life-boat and the
servers, such as all the Canadian prison
boats now carry. Yesterday, the evidence
was restricted to this portion of the
and as the circumstances have been al-
twice detailed at length in these columns
we think it is unnecessary to repeat the
Mr. Justice Duval, in summing up, told
jury that the responsibility incurred by
Captain Radloff was more of a legal
a moral nature, and seemed to suggest
verdict against the prisoner, rather than

violate than for any purpose of punishment. When the Court adjourned yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the jury was not yet come to a decision, and were ordered to be kept together until this morning.—*Quebec Chronicle 4th.*

loathsome, debasing sentiments uttered which are spread before the community, columns and pages, by some of our contemporaries of the press. A series of resolutions was proposed by the committee on slavery, the substance of which will sufficiently explain the kind of reform (7) and progress the conventionists advocate. The following is a synopsis:

Individual authority is absolute, and control individual opinion or practice by it is a flagrant wrong.

Slavery is wrong, and "any creed by

Exclusive conjugal love is the only
and natural marriage.

The Bible is of no authority as a stand-
ard of right and wrong, and should never
be quoted as such.

All international tariffs should be imme-
diately and forever abolished, and direct tax-
ation substituted.

Every individual has an inalienable right
to as much land as he deems convenient,
and no man has a right to any more. *There-
fore, all laws sustaining private property*

It is sufficient to add that the sentiment of the speakers went even beyond these "free love" — the right of woman to love where she will, when she will, and what she will — was equally advocated even

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Colonel Zuazua had marched upon town of San Luis Potosi and captured after a feeble resistance. A considerable number of prisoners were also taken. Colonel Zuazua is one of the Chiefs of the Liberty Party.

General Garza took his departure for Mexico on the 19th for the purpose of joining the forces of General Vidaurri. He believed that the combined forces would maintain an attack upon the City.

General Carvajal had intercepted a train of 1400 mules, while en route from Tampico to San Luis.

The prospects of a Constitutional Government appeared to be very flattering. The reported violation of the Territory of Zamora had been satisfactorily explained.

January—We find in the *Leader* of the 29th, 1887, a nice little statement of the relation which exists between George Brown and the Great Western. In speaking of the Bothwell job, the *Leader* goes on to say that "the Great Western has agreed to make a contract for the supply of wood to be used in Great Western Railway. Let us show the manager in which he receives the money, and the Board of Directors is to pay only 'account which have passed through the hands of the Finance Committee'; and the only defect in the plan is that the money is not to be made in the case of Brown, the Company's eloquent defender. Previously to October 1886, advances had been made to the proprietors of Bothwell to the tune of \$11,000.

1886.

October 30th, advanced for wood, \$38.00
November 20th, paid balance, " " 583
December 10th, advanced for wood, " " 187

February 2nd, advanced for wood \$4,000
April 1st, advanced for wood.....\$4,000
May 1st, advanced for wood.....\$4,000
Total from Dec. '56 to May '57, \$12,000

Of this amount, \$2,000 was previously advanced, the amount supplied is shown in the list, the balance on the 1st of August, two months after the advance, was \$10,000. The contractor was only \$2,000—whereas the rate at which the advances had been paid was \$4,000. It should be noted that at the same time the contractor was paid \$1,000 for the present month, a further advance of \$2,000 was made and the transfer, we believe, is made to the same account.

It is to be regretted that the *London Globe*, so long as its journal does the dirty work of the Company, by assailing the management of the Company with charges of rotten bridge and reckless management.

—Darius Wood.

